

## STUDENT CAREER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

# OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE CHEMIST TRAINEE

The Student Career Experience Program at EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA) provides students with paid part-time, semester-length, seasonal, or summer trainee employment leading to non-competitive appointment to the target position upon successful completion of at least 640 hours of on-the-job training and receipt of their degree.

#### About the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance:

OECA enforces US environmental laws while inspiring the regulated community to pursue pollution prevention. OECA components participating in SCEP include the Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics, and Training (OCEFT), the Office of Site Remediation Enforcement (OSRE), the Office of Compliance (OC), the Office of Civil Enforcement (OCE), the Office of Federal Activities (OFA), the Federal Facilities Enforcement Office (FFEO), the Office of Planning, Policy Analysis, and Communications (OPPAC), and the Administrative and Resource Management Staff (ARMSS).

Chemist trainees can work for OCEFT's National Enforcement Investigations Center in Denver, CO, EPA's environmental forensic enforcement laboratory, or in OC, OCE, OSRE, or OFA in Washington, DC. NEIC positions primarily provide laboratory chemical analysis of samples taken to support EPA's and state environmental enforcement cases. The work involves highly technical analysis and knowledge of instrumentation. Washington, DC positions in the other program offices provide scientific analysis to support implementing compliance monitoring and assistance programs, the investigation of civil enforcement programs, or preparation, review and analysis of Federal Agency environmental impact statements or environmental assessments. These positions are analytical in nature. Only chemistry majors may apply.

#### **Specific Job Information:**

**Locations:** Washington, DC and Denver, CO.

Salary: Federal Government GS-4 (\$12.68/hr, higher in Denver) OR GS-7 (\$17.57/hr,

higher in Denver)

Schedule: Flexible, depending on student's needs. Positions are available at any time

during the year.

#### **Position Benefits:**

• Benefits include annual and sick leave, health insurance, and retirement.

- Work schedules are flexible to accommodate academic needs.
- Students gain on-the-job training and experience and preview a career choice.
- Upon graduation and successful completion of the work requirement, students gain noncompetitive eligibility for appointment to the Federal service in the target position.

### **Qualifications Required:**

- U.S. Citizen
- Enrolled at least half-time in a degree-granting program at an accredited college or university
- At least a 2.95 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Recommended by university faculty
- Basic background investigation

#### **How to Apply:**

Provide resume, cover letter, current official transcript, recommendation, and writing sample to:

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